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REF: (A) STATE 2257; (B) STATE 7801

1. REFTEL (B) INDICATES THAT THIS POST HAS NOT QUITE UNDERSTOOD DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ON FOREIGN STUDENT RENEWALS. WE WERE AWARE OF UNIVERSITIES' PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATES AIMING AT GRADUATE DEGREES. WE WERE ALSO AWARE OF FACT THAT GRANTS ARE WRITTEN BY DEPARTMENT FOR PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND RENEWED AUTOMATICALLY. IT IS THIS AUTOMATISM WHICH MR. CHAPLIN'S DECEMBER 10 LETTER AND REFTEL (A) SEEM TO WANT TO ELIMINATE-- BOTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND AT POSTS.

2. THIS EMBASSY APPRECIATES THESE EFFORTS TO MAKE GRANT RENEWALS A MATTER OF DETERMINATION BY GRANTEES, POSTS, UNIVERSITIES AND DEPARTMENT. OUR EFFORT TO LIMIT RIART'S GRANT TO ONE YEAR WAS PREDICATED ON PRECEPTS OF REFTEL (A).

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCES RE RENEWALS. GIVEN FACT THAT THIS COUNTRY IS ALLOCATED ONLY TWO FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTS, IT BECOMES ALMOST IMPERATIVE TO LIMIT EACH GRANT TO ONE YEAR IN ORDER TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PARAGUAYANS EXPOSED TO U.S. ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES TO AT LEAST FOUR PER YEAR.
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